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INVENTOR: SHERENA FORTUNE

FOR: SYSTEM FOR SIGNALING THAT A PRODUCT EXPIRATION DATE HAS PASSED

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- X Postcard for receipt stamp and return.
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